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The Education and Library Networks Coalition

August 13, 1997

Susan Ness, Commissioner
 Federal Communications Commission
 1919 M St. NW
 Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Ness,

On behalf of the Education and Library Networks Coalition (EdLiNC), we respectfully submit a slate of names to be considered for nomination to the Universal Service Administration Company (USAC) board of directors. Since this board is interlocking with the Schools and Libraries Corporation, we submit these names for that board as well. If more candidates are requested, we would be pleased to accommodate the Commission.

The first chart (with public and private school candidates) relies on staggered two-year appointment to the Boards. We have also included a list of "alternates" who could represent the community if the appointed person was unable to attend a meeting. We believe that the concept of including "alternates" is important because of the highly technical nature of telecommunications and the complicated issues associated with the implementation of universal service for schools and libraries. These alternates would also be successors (see below) to the candidates. We request that the travel and per diem fees afforded to the candidate be extended to include the alternates (in order to ensure that new candidates have had sufficient exposure to integrate seamlessly into board operations).

Year	Non-public schools	Public schools		Pub. School Alternates
1997/98	Jack Clark	Henry Marockie	Brian Talbott	1. Elsie Brumback 2. John Yurchiak
1998/99	Jack Clark	John Yurchiak	Brian Talbott	1. Elsie Brumback 2. Matt Grogger
1999/00	Skardon Bliss	John Yurchiak	Matt Grogger	Ken Reed
2000/01	Skardon Bliss	Ken Reed	Matt Grogger	Ben Dixon
2001/02		Ken Reed	Ben Dixon	

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The second chart includes a list of qualified library candidates. We suggest that the Commission select a candidate and an alternate for the first (one year) term, and that the alternate be designated the successor to the candidate, serving a two year term.

Library Candidates
Nancy Bolt Glenn Miller Kathleen Ouye Charles Parker

Given the Commission's strong affirmation of principles of diversity in selecting the USAC board (including representatives not only from all segments of industry, but also from those entities affected by the universal service program, the consumer advocate community, and public utilities commissions), we have no doubt that the Commission will strive to choose candidates that also represent geographic and ethnic diversity.

Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of schools and libraries.



Kari Arfstrom, AASA, on behalf of
the Education and Library Networks Coalition (EdLiNC)

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of the 15,000 members of the American Association of School Administrators, I wish to forward a letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Brian Talbott for the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Board of Directors.

Dr. Talbott is well qualified for this prestigious appointment. His 21-year membership has been highlighted by numerous appointments and volunteer opportunities within AASA. As a volunteer on the AASA Legislative Corps, he is called upon to advocate for federal education and children's issues on a weekly basis. He is also a member of the Washington State Association of School Administrators and has received numerous leadership awards from them.

Dr. Talbott was recently hired as the Executive Director of the American Association of Educational Service Agencies (AAESA). This professional organization advocates for consortium building with numerous school districts at the local, state and federal levels. These entities will play a vital role in the implementation of the "E-rate" discounts throughout America. His current position as Superintendent and General Manager of Educational Service District 101 in Spokane, Washington serves 59 public school districts and 54 private schools and their respective governing boards. This demonstrates a strong testament for his ability to work with public and non-public school districts and their boards to build upon a common theme for the betterment of all students.

His experience on boards (such as the local public television station, United Way and many education related boards) in elected and appointed positions, speaks well of his abilities to lead, build consensus amongst a board, and persuade its members for the betterment of the organization. He is well published, respected by his peers, and has demonstrated his talents and skills in the education field throughout the nation.

Throughout Dr. Talbott's career, he has served in many capacities and would bring these experiences with him to the USAC Board. He has been a teacher, principal and school district superintendent. The roles of these professionals and the students they serve will be in the forefront of any position he holds.

Please consider the nomination of Dr. Brian Talbott for the USAC Board of Directors and the Schools and Library Corporation. Should you have any questions that I may be able to answer on behalf of AASA, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul D. Houston". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Paul D. Houston, Ed.D.
Executive Director